

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims will replace all previous versions of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for improving throughput in a wireless local area (WLAN), the method comprising the steps of:

buffering a set of messages;

identifying a target address for the set of messages; and

concatenating the set of messages based on the target address,

wherein the step of concatenating comprises the steps of:

(a) eliminating a sync interval;

(b) preserving a message header;

(c) transmitting a subsequent message;

(d) transmitting the message header; and

(e) repeating steps (a) through (d), until a last subsequent message in the set of messages have been sent.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2-1 wherein the step of preserving further comprises the step of preserving a start of frame delimiter (SFD) and transmitting the SFD.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the message is identified as a MAC protocol data unit (MPDU) type message.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the message is identified as a PLCP protocol data unit (PPDU) type message.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of concatenating based on the target address comprises identifying the target address as an unicast type address.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of concatenating based on the target address comprises identifying the target address as a broadcast type address.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of concatenating based on the target address comprises identifying the target address as a multicast type address.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of concatenating based on the target address comprises identifying the target address as an unicast type address, a broadcast type address and a multicast type address.
- 10-13. (Cancelled)